MR. G. RAMAN MENON (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*): Are not the respectable people of the localities the chief persons that are most intimately interested in the proper working of the local police?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): It is purely a matter of opinion.

The Mission Dam.

358. **MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI** (*Agastisvaram*): (1) Are the Government aware that some years back they decided upon the removal of the Mission Dam put up across the Pazhayar near the village of Tamaracolam?

(2) If they are aware, will they be pleased to state when that decision was arrived at and why the dam was not removed till now according to that decision?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Yes.

(2) It was decided to remove the Mission Dam in 1915; but this has not been effected and the order is held in abeyance as there were objections against the removal of this dam from the Excise Commissioner on the ground that such a course would accelerate the silting of the Manakkudi lake near the salt factories and thus injuriously affect the manufacture of salt.

MR. M. SUBRAHMANYA PILLAI (*Agastisvaram*): Are the Government aware that, on account of allowing the dam to exist, the village of Tamaracolam is endangered?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): The information is noted.

Opening of a Sub-Registrar's Office between Haripad and Kayankulam at Mutukulam.

359. **MR. G. RAMAN MENON** (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*):

(*a*) Are the Government aware that the number of documents registered in the Kayankulam and Haripad Sub-Registrars' offices is so large that a new Sub-Registrar's office can, for the convenience of the people, be opened at a place about midway between the two offices?

(*b*) Are the Government aware that the Mutukulam *pakuthi* occupies a central position with reference to the *pakuthies* of Arattupuzha, Cheppad, Kirikad, Chingoli, etc., and that for the use of these *pakuthies* and of Mutukulam, a new Sub-Registrar's office can be sanctioned?

(*c*) Are the Government aware that, in the interests of the people of the Arattupuzha *pakuthi* which lies on the sea coast on the western side of the Kayankulam backwater, it is more convenient to locate the Sub-Registrar's office in the Mutukulam *pakuthi* than in more eastern ones, such as Cheppad, etc?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to open a Sub-Registrar's office at Mutukulam, as early as convenient?

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MR. K. GEORGE (*Ag. Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes. The Director has submitted a scheme for redistributing the Registration sub-districts, with a view to afford relief to overworked offices. His proposals are under consideration.

(*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) No answer is called for in the light of the answer to part (*a*).

Ring Channel in Rajakkamangalam Factory.

360. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Has it been found possible, as originally expected, to conduct brine from the sea through the ring channel cut in the Rajakkamangalam Salt Factory?

(*b*) What is the cost of constructing the ring channel?

(*c*) Who recommended the construction of this ring channel?

(*d*) Will the Government be pleased to state the reasons why this ring channel is not found to be so useful as originally expected?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (*a*) The ring channel was not intended to conduct the brine from the sea. It was intended to carry away the fresh water which percolated into the factory from the neighbouring wet lands.

(*b*) The ring channel and the connected works have cost about Rs. 3,895.

(*c*) The ring channel existed all along. As it was in a state of disrepair, it was mended by the Public Works Department on the Excise Commissioner's recommendation.

(*d*) In view of the answer to part (*a*), this does not arise.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ശുദ്ധജലം വെളിയിൽ കളയാനാണല്ലൊ റിങ്ങ് ചാനൽ വെട്ടീട്ടുള്ളത്. അതനുസരിച്ച് അതിൽ വന്നുചേരുന്ന ശുദ്ധജലം മുഴുവനും വെളിയിൽ പോകുന്നുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): പോകുന്നുണ്ട്.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ശുദ്ധജലം മുഴുവനും പോകുന്നില്ലെന്ന് എക്സൈസ് കമ്മിഷ്ണർ ഗവർമെൻറിലേക്കു റിപ്പോർട്ടയച്ചിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

MR. T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): I claim notice of that question.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ൻൻ-ലെ വാർഷിക റിപ്പോർട്ടിൽ എക്സൈസ് കമ്മിഷണർ അതിനെപ്പറ്റി എന്തെങ്കിലും പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുണ്ടോ?

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